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### **SATURDAY'S GRIZ BASKETBALL GAME TO 'GO GREEN'**

**MISSOULA —**

"Go Green" is the theme of the Saturday, Feb. 21, men's basketball game at The University of Montana. The Grizzlies take on the Idaho State Bengals at 4:30 p.m. in Dahlberg Arena.

During the game, Griz fans can purchase a variety of Farm to College food items. The UM Farm to College program is committed to buying local, Montana-produced food whenever possible. Benefits include a reduced carbon footprint, economic support for Montana farmers and ranchers and fresher, better-tasting food.

Some of the products that will be available for purchase are Redneck hot dogs, Wheat Montana buns, burgers from Rocky Mountain Gourmet Steaks and nachos with Garden City Salsa. Craven's Grizzlies Blend coffee also will be served. UM's Dining Services will provide the food, and most will be served using paper products that can be composted.

Student volunteers will provide fans information about the efforts of UM Recycling on campus. Bins will be available at the game for waste that can be used for compost. With help from the University's Environmental Studies Program, the compostable waste will be sent to UM's PEAS Farm.

The "Go Green" game is an effort by UM to bring the University's commitment to



sustainability initiatives and environmental stewardship to Griz fans.

The energy consumption of Dahlberg Arena for one basketball game, along with fan and athlete travel to and from the game, has been estimated at 71 tons of greenhouse gas emissions. To mitigate the carbon footprint of Saturday's game, UM plans to purchase an equal number of tons of carbon offsets from Clear Sky Climate Solutions.

The company's offsets represent emissions reductions that have already occurred and have been verified, so when purchasing the offsets, Clear Sky confirms that they are legitimate carbon offsets and not future promises or forward contracts.

UM's purchase for Saturday's game will go to a specific project -- Montana Rangeland Carbon Sequestration Offset. The project comprises nine ranches that cover more than 70,500 acres in southeastern Montana. All of the ranches have committed to sustainable grazing practices that allow the soil to sequester carbon dioxide. Their adopted grazing plans also help maintain native grassland plant species and preserve habitat for local wildlife.

For more information, go to the Clear Sky Climate Solutions Web site at <http://www.clearskyclimatesolutions.com>.

More information about Saturday's "Go Green" men's basketball game is available by calling Jessie Davie, Associated Students of UM sustainability coordinator, at 406-243-4856 or by e-mailing [ASUM.Sustain@mso.umt.edu](mailto:ASUM.Sustain@mso.umt.edu).

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